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'Wizard of Oz' another enormous hit



VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

BUT WE'VE COME SO FAR.... A distraught Dorothy is consoled by a wannabe-king Lion, a sad Scarecrow, a rust-prone Tin Man and her beloved dog Toto as the guard at the door of the Wizard's Castle tells the forlorn travelers, "No way, no how, not ever" are they going to get in to see his boss.

Elk Point Theatre Project earned standing ovations from two capacity crowds this past weekend for their most ambitious undertaking yet, as they followed the fabled Yellow Brick Road to seek out 'The Wizard of Oz,' Young Performers' Edition.

A fast-moving procession of sets, from a Kansas farmyard complete with a whirling windmill to a gloomy witch's castle in a haunted forest, backed up a lively cast of 26 youngsters and teens who sang, danced and despaired their way through the classic tale, many of them playing multiple roles.

Dorothy Gale, played by Alexa Berlinguette, and her faithful dog Toto (Saige Hardcastle) starred as the famous pair who were swept up, up and away from their home with Aunt Em (Jorja Theriault) and Uncle Henry (Spencer McNamara), when a tornado swept across the prairies, and found themselves 'Over The Rainbow' in the magical land of the Munchkins. There, Dorothy was seen as a heroine by Glinda the Good Witch of the North (also played by Jorja Theriault) and the merry band of Munchkins, and as a target to be destroyed by the Wicked Witch of the West (Caleia Ng), who closely resembled the evil Miss Gulch, (also Caleia Ng), who had threatened Toto with annihilation back in Kansas.

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Landowners express wind farm concerns

JANANI WHITFIELD
Review Staff

The crowd was so large at the Elk Point Recreation Centre on April 24 that people were spilling into the hallway as landowners came to learn about their rights when it came to negotiating renewable energy leases. Interest was spurred in knowing landowner rights, as a possible wind farm project in the Shamrock Valley area continues to move ahead.

"It's still in the planning stages, but my sense is it's going ahead," said Gordon Potts, lead for the project with Northland Power. The project will likely consist of 30 wind turbines, spread out over an area of 10,000 to 15,000 acres, he said, adding the wind turbines' centre will likely stand as high as 100 to 120 metres, with the blades having a radius of 50 to 65 metres.

Right now, the company is in the individual consultation stage, with a more formal, public consultation taking place down the road, he said.

"We've probably got 90 per cent of the land we need," he said, noting this is not to say the company has a 90 per cent success rate in signing leases. "Some people have reservations, but we have enough (land) to do the project."

But residents like Christine Dargis Laramee expressed deep concern and frustration about the

project and how neighbours are being approached, a point which she felt came through loud and clear at the Monday night meeting.

"Everyone that was there, said they were approached the same way – they were all told that over 90 per cent of your neighbours are signing these contracts," she said. Given that so many people expressed reservations, she said she felt this was misleading and wrong. Landowners need to talk to each other, particularly as the wind turbines are connected underground, she said. "If neighbours are not on the same page, then hardships will develop."

LARA and the Farmers' Advocate Office (FAO) hosted the event, with several concerned people talking about renewable contracts and what they were hearing from companies as they were asked to sign contracts.

"What we did this for, is we started getting calls about wind and solar leases in September and October," said Jeana Schuurman, a rural engagement and communications specialist with the Farmers' Advocate Office. "We were looking at helping landowners with negotiations – people were making assumptions based on oil and gas, and it's really different."

The County of St. Paul provided the hall, while the Farmers' Advocate Office came to explain a few of the major differences between leases for oil and gas and renewables.

Schuurman said that among the major differences is that oil and gas companies are required to use a licensed land agent, who are held accountable by a code of ethics. While several wind companies do use licensed land agents, it is not a requirement for these companies, she said.

The Surface Rights Act does not apply to wind and solar power; these renewable energy projects have no right of entry or power of expropriation, and landowners' participation is totally voluntary.

"If a landowner is approached by a developer, they're free to say no."

However, landowners may feel that if their neighbours are signing leases, they may face the impact of wind turbine projects, without any revenue to show for it, she noted, urging residents to be engaged and talk to one another.

With oil and gas, there are five-year anniversary reviews of rental rates, but with wind and solar, whatever is negotiated on the initial lease is long-term. Approvals mean an option to lease could open the door to having a project on your doorstep anywhere from 40 to 60 years, she said.

"People have to be aware of that," said Schuurman, adding that if the company becomes insolvent, unlike oil and gas leases, annual rental fees don't continue to get paid to the landowner either. (Continued on Page 2)

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Clean audit, decreased net debt for town

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Town Council approved their 2016 financial statement and agreed to submit it to Municipal Affairs last week, after a visit from audit manager Chris Guilbault of Hawkins Epp Dumont, who said it was "a clean audit, everything went well. It's the kind of audit we like to have." This is the town's second year with the firm and she noted, "there are always hiccups in transition" from one audit firm to another but this year indicates progress.

There is also progress in the town's net financial debt, which decreased by \$234,979 of long-term debt in 2016. "A municipality that starts with debt takes three to four years to get out of it, to refinance and clean up," Guilbault told council, praising CAO Ken Gwozdz for his efforts at reducing expenditures, rationalization and applying for grants. "You'll start seeing improvements now."

A total of \$849,447 in tangible capital assets was added during 2016, the auditor reported. Long-term debt of \$2,838,544 matures in 2020, and was incurred in part by the development of more residential lots and the water treatment plant upgrade. The \$134,000 loan guarantee on the EcoCentre is also part of the calculation, she noted. "But you're holding the line and decreasing costs."

The town has less general surplus and less revenue this year, resulting in a \$268,385 deficit for 2016. The net financial debt has risen to \$1,396,255 in 2016 from \$1,269,994 the previous year, due to the decreased revenue and capital transfers, but Guilbault said this is "a measure of the economic resources required by the town to provide services in the future."

The draft financial statements presented to council show "the impact of the provincial economy," the auditor said, noting that property tax holidays are expiring, which will bring in more revenue in the future. The town is also exploring ways to encourage businesses to come here, the oil and gas sector is rallying, "and I see lots of sharing with other municipalities," Guilbault added, a trend that she feels will increase in the future.

Collaboration committee

Some of the municipal sharing endeavors were

addressed later in the April 24 meeting, when council discussed the formation of a collaboration committee that will oversee the four Alberta Community Partnership grants involving the Towns of Elk Point and St. Paul, the County of St. Paul and the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay. The committee, which Gwozdz said "is where all four grants come together," needs two representatives from Elk Point, with Mayor Parrish Tung and Deputy Mayor Lorne Young appointed to fill these slots. That committee's first meeting is set for May 15.

CARES grant

Another planned joint endeavor is the approval by the County of St. Paul to apply for a \$50,000 Community and Region Economic Support grant aimed at the four municipalities working together to promote economic development. The municipal partners would contribute on a per capital basis. Chambers of commerce, tourism, Community Futures and HUB would also be involved. Some concern was expressed regarding competition between the municipalities, with Deputy Mayor Young noting that all of them want economic growth, and "I think it's an opportunity."

FCSS plans busy summer

The County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS has another busy summer planned for the area, director Janice Fodchuk told Elk Point town council last week when she visited to give her annual rundown of activities.

A summary of activities each year since the merger of the County FCSS and Town of Elk Point FCSS showing individuals served, number of programs, volunteer hours, community initiatives, referrals and people reached on Facebook shows growth across the board, with significant increases in clients, volunteer hours and Facebook contacts.

This year, eleven communities will enjoy outdoor movies, with only one movie per community this year filling up the schedule, and dates to be announced. Last year, around 700 people enjoyed 10 of these free family events.

Science afternoons for the youngsters were popular last year, and will again be held in Ferguson Flats, Elk Point Ashmont and Mallaig. This year, both Elk Point and Ashmont will have three-on-three basketball events. Something new this year will be Color Runs,

scheduled for Mallaig and Elk Point, with Elk Point town council giving their approval for a five km run on the spot.

Fodchuk said that after last year's enthusiastic response, there will be a longer, "full-fledged Amazing Race" in Elk Point this year, "and maybe one in Mallaig, as well."

Raised garden beds for the enjoyment of seniors at Buckingham House and Fort George Manor, a bus tour to Greenland Nursery next week and a salad-in-a-jar campaign for junior high and high school students "to teach kids healthy eating," show that FCSS covers a wide spectrum of the population. Infant CPR courses in Ashmont and Mallaig were fully booked within 24 hours when they were advertised on Facebook.

FCSS and the Elk Point Recreation Department are planning a "Family Unplugged" day or evening with "no phones, just good old board games and cards," that if it is a success, could be a monthly event in the future, Fodchuk said.

Back Alley Clean Up

Mayor Tung said that the town's annual Back Alley Clean Up has been set for May 15 and 16, "and hopefully residents will take advantage of the opportunity."

Dentist office

Elk Point's dental office is still in business, and the mayor, who said at the last meeting that it had been closed, noted, "I have been proven wrong." The dentist who invested in the clinic is "working on an appointment basis, and you can call 78-724-4086 and leave a message, he will return your call."

Allied Arts

Elk Point Regional Allied Arts Society has been approved for a \$24,021 Community Initiatives Program grant toward their \$48,043 upgrading project which includes the lighting system, stage flooring and storage facilities. The County has pledged \$12,000 in support, and the society sent town council a letter asking for an equal contribution. The town recently approved \$2,5000 from the 2016 Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) operating funds, which leaves the society \$9,500 short, and the administration recommended advancing them that amount from the 2017 MSI funding, which will be coming later in the year, so that the planned improvements can take place in the near future.



Notice to Agricultural Producers

RE: Requesting a Fire Permit when Burning Stubble in 2017

The County of St. Paul would like to assist producers with being able to move forward with cultivating, seeding and other preparations for the 2017 season. Producers are encouraged to consult with crop insurance providers prior to commencing with any salvage, destruction, or harvest operation. If burning of unharvested crop is deemed the only viable option, certain requirements must be met prior to proceeding with any burning operations. **Fire Permits are required by County bylaw far any open burning.** Fire Permits are issued at the County of St. Paul's Administration building during regular business hours at no charge. The County's Fire Services department will provide a best practise guideline for stubble or brush pile burning. With any burning, there is a risk to property and life, as well as liability associated with fire and smoke hazard that make pre-planning for a burn a top priority.

The Forest and Prairie Protection Regulations, Part II, Section 14 states the following, regarding agricultural debris disposal:

1. No person shall cause or permit the broadcast burning of grass or stubble until a fire permit has been issued specifying thereon the terms and conditions under which the fire may be set.
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The area containing the debris to be burned must be surrounded by a fire guard cleared of flammable material to a width of no less than 15 meters on all parameters. (The County of St. Paul recommends a guard of 15 meters)

No windrow shall be closer than 25 meters to natural grasslands or forestry bush lines. (The County of St. Paul recommends 25 meters)

Exact guidelines will be provided when issuing a Fire Permit. Temperature, wind speed and direction as well as relative humidity should all be considered before you plan to burn.

For guidance and assistance producers may speak directly to representatives of the County Fire Services department at (780) 645-3301 ext. 204 or the County Agricultural Services department at (780) 645-3006 ext. 236.

Wind farm

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"Your best bet is something fixed plus variable," she said. Her advice is for people to contact a lawyer and get advice before signing any contract.

For Laramee, her concerns for renewable energy leases include the restrictions to landowners over the use of their land for hunting or seeding, and the fact there is no legislation to mandate reclamation, "meaning farmers may be left with the cost of removing 800 metric tonnes of concrete along with the rebar."

She said she was irked that so many people had been led to believe that many of their neighbours were signing in for the wind turbine project, saying, "This is not something anyone should jump into

... it is a very serious contract!"

Local MLA David Hanson also urged people not to be swayed by dollar figures, but to get legal advice before signing contracts. He said he appreciated the Farmers' Advocate Office holding the town hall to underscore some of these points. While Bill 27, the Renewable Energy Act has been passed, it sets out very little regulation around wind and solar, he said, adding he and his fellow Wildrose caucus would have preferred to see these regulations set out before approval, instead of down the road.

Potts said the regulatory process for the wind farms "is pretty robust," and that the company must consult people in the surrounding vicinity of each turbine, as well as conducting robust studies to determine impacts for things such as

noise.

The province's plan to add 30 per cent more renewable energy by 2030 is making Alberta an attractive province to invest in for wind and solar projects, with the south part of the province already having many wind farms. While the Shamrock Valley is not the ideal location to harness wind resources, one of its advantage is that it is far away from other sites, offering geographic dispersal as it would feed into the grid, said Potts.

The equipment has a life of 20 to 25 years, but Northlands, like most developers would hope to continue the lease beyond the equipment's life, he said.

Potts said he expected that if the project were to proceed, it would be a "couple of years" yet before the turbines are erected.


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Wizard

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Worried about a troubling prediction made by psychic Professor Marvel (Jove Boorse) before the storm hit, Dorothy knows they must get back to Kansas before her aunt becomes ill with worry. Glinda suggests they follow the Yellow Brick Road to the Emerald City, where the Wizard of Oz can help them to return home. On their way, they meet a brainless scarecrow (Andrew Richer) in a crow-infested cornfield and trudge through a forest, where they add a rust-plagued tin man (Amanda Reimer) and a very nervous lion (Josef Theriault), despairing over his cowardice, to their Oz-bound entourage.

Their perilous journey saw them pelted with apples by an orchard of bad-tempered apple trees, and danced off their feet by the Wicked Witch's swarm of glittery Jitterbugs.

An intermission followed a duet from the movie, "Wicked," by the two witches, before the travelers continued their journey and eventually arrived at the Emerald City's gate, where the gatekeeper's sighting of Dorothy's ruby slippers gained them admission, and where Dorothy's worries about her aunt's wellbeing encouraged the Wizard's castle guard (Zxayven Pelech) to open that final door.

The Wizard, however, demanded one simple task of them before he granted their wishes: to return to him with the Wicked Witch's broom. Off they went again, only to have Dorothy captured by the witch and the other three surrounded by flying monkeys and spear-bearing guards. The future looked grim for all of them until the witch attempted to set fire to the scarecrow, and was accidentally doused with witch-killing water as Dorothy extinguished the blaze.

Although impressed with their success, the wizard told the scarecrow, tin man and lion they really had a brain, a heart and courage, but backed that up by presenting a diploma, a testimonial and a medal of bravery, before summoning his own private balloon to take Dorothy home.

But had she really ever been anywhere but home, in the first place? Aunt Em and Uncle Henry said it was just a dream, and the doctor, who looked strangely like both the psychic and the wizard, said it was all a result of a knock on her head during the tornado.

As well as the members of the cast already named, Heath McNamara, Lauryn Smith, Darianna Boorse, Ella Smith, Charleigh Kelly, Halle Moroziuk, Kylie Young, Mariah and Victoria Ng, Cloey Germain, Anna Henderson, Ashley Lecopoy, Elizabeth Smith, Lexee Smith, Rian Skarsen and Jessica Smith played multiple roles, with fast costume changes keeping everyone on the run throughout the performance.

Following their final bows to the audience, the cast lined both sides of the Yellow Brick Road to receive congratulations from the departing audience. One spectator

at Sunday's performance, Myrna Fedorus, was so impressed with the show that she donated \$600 of her 50/50 winnings to the Theatre Project, to assist them in future productions.

The play was produced by LoAnne Smith, directed and choreographed by Jessica Clarke, who also was in charge of lighting and sound, assisted by Luke Germain and with Caleia Ng and Alexa Berlinguette as junior directing assistants and choreographers. Quinn Shelton directed the music. Sets were constructed by Marshel Pelech, Barrett Germain and Sandy Smith and designed and painted by Jennifer Germain and LoAnne Smith, helped by Melissa and Lane Skarsen and Myrna Moroziuk. Props were tracked down by Sherry Milholland and by Nina McNamara, who was also in charge of costumes, with Theresa McNamara and Gloria Ng as seamstresses. Sydney Hardcastle and Jen Ouellette were in charge of makeup, while Jody Lecopoy took charge of the windmill, control room and special effects.

A huge backstage crew and numerous other volunteers, parents and community members were also credited for their part in the outstanding production.

WICKED - The Wicked Witch of the West, played by Caleia Ng, and Glinda the Good Witch of the North, played by Jorja Theriault combine their talents in a song from the popular musical.



ONE WITCH DOWN - the coroner, played by Lauryn Smith, below, declares the ruby slippered Wicked Witch of the East dead, a victim of the whirling tornado.



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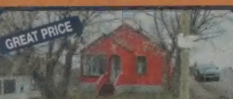
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EDITORIAL

True wizardry!

There was true wizardry in this past weekend's performances of 'The Wizard of Oz', with considerably more than the pint-sized wizard on stage involved in this incredible production. To be sure, that young wizard was incredibly wise, knowing that the seekers of bravery, brain power, heart and a way home had it all in them in the first place, but the wizards behind the production had everything it took to make this enormous undertaking a huge success.

Turning two dozen or so young people into performers who were where they should be when they should be, and who spoke their dialogue with spirit and confidence is a herculean task and one that deserves huge pats on the back for all involved. Their lives, and those of the performers, have revolved around the play in recent weeks, but the finished product showed it was well worth the effort.

For many young actors and actresses, one role would be challenging, but some of these performers had up to four or five, and were still able to remember what lines went with which costume and where to be for each scene, with appropriate costume and makeup in place.

The creativity shown by those who built the sets and props was truly incredible, as was the swift action of those who moved sets on and off the stage to keep the action flowing smoothly. Who would have ever thought to see a towering windmill on the Allied Arts stage, much less to see it disappear and reappear on cue, or to see a handmaiden forest and a hot air balloon do the same thing? Merely moving them around was a full-time job for the stage crew, and they never missed a beat.

A tremendous job all around, very much deserving of a standing ovation for all concerned! It leaves us all wondering, "What will they do for an encore?"

RECREATION CORNER

From recreation to Rogers Place

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How amazing is Mark Letestu doing? Wow! I just wanted to mention that and say that Mark is a true example that you can follow your dreams and excel at anything you put your time and effort into.

OK, now back into the Rec Corner. On May 11 the Elk Point FCSS and Xtreme Oilfield are teaming up to send you on a free greenhouse trip. They'll be visiting Greenland for the day. There's enough room below the bus to bring back plenty of plants and flowers. You'll be able to bring back a plenty of treasures and have your yard looking amazing come summer! I suggest as much red and white as you can find to help celebrate Canada's 150!

Also coming up quick is the annual Car Show, the first Saturday in June, the 5th. That will also be the day of the town wide garage sale. It'll be a busy day, as the Early Childhood Development Committee is also hosting a fun day for kids with Play 2 Learn Daycare.

Then before you know it, Canada Day will be here. We are still needing volunteers to help with the planning, as well as the host events. If you or your group are interested contact me, 780-207-5898 or email recreation@elkpoint.ca.

The next Canada Day meeting is May 17th at 6 p.m. at Council chambers if you want to stop by to see what it's all about.



Way Back When...

Detour from detour, trade fair and century-old turtle

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND THE ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1 IN...

1987

Mayor Byron Mann proclaimed April 26 to May 2 "Save the Children Week" in Elk Point, and local Canadian Save the Children Fund chairperson Marnie McCowan announced that Dr. David Summers, country director of the CSCF in Kenya, would speak at a special observance at the United Church. Highway 41 motorists found not only a detour, but also a detour from that detour, due to widening of the bridge just south of Railway Ave to match the widened highway.

1992

Elk Point and District Agricultural Society hosted a hugely successful trade fair, with over 3,000 spectators visiting almost 100 booths, with added attractions including a 4-H slave auction, a fashion show, a pet parade and even a chicken square contest, with the big rooster making his deposit to determine the winner. Another fashion show made a splash at F. G. Miller High, where 20 students modeled everything from dreamy dresses to wild leggings paired with wide trapeze tops, and Aaron Aarbo entertained with Garth Brooks' "The Dance" and Travis Tritt's "Anymore."

1996

Elk Point Elementary School held an Education Week Open House, which coincided with Earth Day, and featured displays showing a serious concern for the environment, as well as nature displays in Mr. Hymanyk's room, including his new 'Pac-Man' frog and a huge turtle rumored to be over 100 years old, and in Mrs. Conrad's room, with a worm farm and a three-dimensional solar system. Twenty-five dancers age four to 18 kicked up their heels at that 18th annual Ukrainian Dance Concert.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

2002

The gym was jumping at Elk Point Elementary School as 96 skippers from grades 4,5 and 6 took part in the school's 18th annual Jump Rope for Heart, raising over \$8,800 for the Alberta Heart Foundation. A six-member delegation from Elk Point Interagency Health Committee was well received when they presented a brief to the Lakeland Regional Health Authority asking that someone knowledgeable in the day-to-day operations of the Elk Point Health Centre liaise with the IHC on a regular basis, in the wake of indications that the centre was in danger of closure.

2007

Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club charmed a capacity crowd with their 28th spring concert, emceed by Marushka, the delightful gypsy storyteller. An injection of \$692,000 in provincial funds would help the County of St. Paul to meet several pressing needs, such as repairing deteriorating roads and replacing old water distribution systems.

2912

A second public hearing was scheduled by the Town of Elk Point for the rezoning of a parcel of land on Elk Point's northeast corner from Urban Reserve to Industrial, after an error was made in the legal land description on the plan advertised for the original hearing in March.



FAME DANCE STUDIOS presented their second Year-End Show at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre with nonstop entertainment by talented young people from tots to teens who showed off their growing skills in a variety of dance styles.

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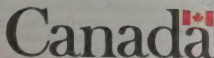
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Elks cap off a great year

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Elks senior hockey club celebrated the end of their 2016-17 season on Saturday night with the presentation of awards at the year-end banquet.

"Murray Cochrane did such a terrific job getting the Elks back on the ice," Doug Bassett told players, their families and sponsors. "He and Tony (Meger) have put out a great product here. They were up three games in the playoffs until we went on holidays," he said, noting that no news of further wins followed them south. Looking forward to the 2017-18 season, he urged coaches and players to "Keep up the good work!"

Elks captain Jason Kalynchuk offered thanks on behalf of the team to "a lot of people who help us out," from the coaches, manager and trainer who help them to be their best, and to their wives and girlfriends who sell 50/50s and gate admissions. "Because of all of you, kids like my son get to enjoy this. I hope everyone can keep it going for the community as well."

MC Brian Poitras recalled watching the earlier generation of Elks "as a young guy. It made me want to play for the Elks, and I did, but then they went away and we had no more senior hockey for years." Poitras was happy to see the club rejuvenated, and to once again be part of the action, as part of the support staff.

The presentation of awards saw goalie Paul Boulianne accept both the Fan's Choice and Most Valuable Player awards, the latter coming out of a three-way tie between what Poitras said was "definitely some good players, but it was Paul who put the Elks on the map as the SaskAlta League's best goalie."

Chevy Botting took home the Top Scorer trophy, Jason Kalynchuk the Most Dedicated Player award from Windsor Salt, Dyson Karbashewski the Most Improved trophy from Sharkey's Bus Service, and Jordyn Wozniak the Best Defenseman trophy from E-Can. Rookie of the Year recipient Nick Trufal wasn't on hand to accept the Rookie of the Year award sponsored by B & R Eckel's. This year's Coaches' Award for attitude, effort and dedication went to Scott Ward.

Cochrane spoke on behalf of himself and Meger, saying, "It's been a great three years - look at what we've accomplished. We have a great bunch of guys and a dressing room that everyone is envious of." He thanked the sponsors, fans and volunteers, as well as his wife Wanda and Meger's wife Marie, his daughter Taylor, Cecile Demers for her organizational skills, Doug Bassett for announcing and running the clock, and Meger for "planning and on the ice stuff." He thanked all the players for "being a part of our success, we hope you will be with us for years to come. You have kids wanting you to autograph their hel-



SHOWING OFF THE HARDWARE - Elks trophy winners, left to right, were Most Dedicated Player Jason Kalynchuk, Top Scorer Chevy Botting, MVP and Fans' Choice Paul Boulianne, Best Defenseman Jordyn Wozniak, Coaches' Award winner Scott Ward and Most Improved Player Dyson Karbashewski. Not shown is Rookie of the Year Nick Trufal.

mets - that's priceless. They really look up to you." He said the team plans to have a float in the Canada 150 parade, "and I think that's really important for the community."

In closing, Poitras said the Elks "just keep getting better," to the point that "I had to sit in the Zamboni

room during the Dewberry and Hillmond series" to relieve his tension over wanting them to keep on winning.

Cochrane and Meger and their wives were presented with gift cards from the team, and Megan Beattie won the door prize draw.

Letestu puts his 'Mark' on playoffs

What more can we say about our local Elk Point boy that hasn't been said already? Mark 'the Marksman' Letestu has been simply fantastic during the Oilers playoff run and he's not done yet. They write and talk about him all the time. And I must confess, I do too.

They talk about how he's Mr. Versatile, or how his coach, Todd McLellen, said he will make a great coach one day. I'm with him on that, but I also think, because he speaks so well, he could end up on Sportsnet with Ron, Nick, Elliot and Kelly one day. But let's not get ahead of ourselves, he's not done playing for a few years yet.

Sunday night wasn't the best for any of the Orange Crush, but you know they will come out flying tomorrow night for sure. As for the "Marksman", have you ever seen anyone perform above his pay scale quite like him? On the ice for all the important face offs, he's out there

killing penalties, blocking shots, on the power play getting open in the money slot on the right side of the goalie where he has already scored three power play goals.



doug
BASSETT
Review Sports

The 'Marksman' has a nose for the net. That comes from years of practising his shot; it didn't happen just overnight. When 'Marksman' lived up on Elk Point's Circle Drive, only a block from the rink, he would take a net home from the A. G. Ross Arena in the summer and practise with it; shoot, shoot, shoot. Circle Drive had its own little road hockey league, Mark, his brother Lee, Brian Poitras, Nicky Myshaniuk and Melvin Easthope,

who by the way, also developed a wicked slap shot. Some other neighbourhood kids would pop over too. When they didn't play road hockey, they played pick up ball. These kids would play outside every day.

The 'Marksman' has always been able to make his 'Mark' at every level he has ever played from the time he was a peewee in Elk Point, leading the Avalanche team into the playoffs and provincial finals with four or five goals in most games, but also still a team player who passed the puck off. But he could always come through when the Avalanche needed a big goal to win the game or at a turning point in a game, just like he does today with the Oilers.

Playing baseball, he pitched a huge semi final and final game to give the Elk Point Midget Sox their very first provincial win.

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Letestu

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When we sat in the dug out together, with the Sox down by seven runs in the first inning in the final game, he said to me, "I can do this!" and so he did!

And the best thing about Mark, he was easy to coach. Never would he argue or pout if you asked him to play right field. I'm positive he could have gone on and played at a much high level of ball somewhere, but his heart was in hockey, going from Junior B to Junior A, and leading the Alberta Junior A league with the Bonnyville Pontiacs. Then he was off to college in Michigan, making such an impression that the Pittsburgh Penguins would sign him. Up and down a few times, Wilkes Barre to the East Coast farm team, he finally would make the big league and start making his 'Mark' there.

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the Stanley Cup to Elk Point, Alberta for Canada Day. Carry it in the back seat of his father-in-law George Hahn's old 1966 Mustang convertible with his wife Brett, two sons and daughter riding shotgun... and I, Doug 'the Sportshound' Bassett, will be driving him down Main Street while the crowd goes wild!

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week. "The Stanley Cup can look like a beautiful wedding cake, its bands of inscribed names cascading the length of the column that supports the bowl. A looser interpretation might be that it more closely resembles the gizmo that a local garage pulls under a car's crankcase for an oil change." - Sports Columnist Kevin Paul Dupont.

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GOCHKO,
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On April 23, 2017 Mrs. Claire Gochko of Elk Point passed away at the age of 82 years. She is survived by her children, Cory & Glenda both of Elk Point & David (Bernadette) of Edmonton; 3 grandchildren, Byron, Brooklyn & Rylie; siblings, Cyril Romanchuk of B.C., John Romanchuk of Vegreville, Art Romanchuk of Myram, Donna Romanchuk of St. Albert & Gale Bullis of Lloydminster; numerous nieces & nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Edward; son, Terry; 2 daughters, Julie & Linda; parents, Steve & Vera Romanchuk; 2 sisters, Shirley & Ruby. A Memorial Service will take place on Saturday, May 6 at 1:00 p.m. at Elk Point Seniors Centre, Elk Point. Pastor Bill Kryzanowski will be officiating. Cremation has taken place. If desired, donations may be made to Cross Cancer Institute c/o 5626 51 Street, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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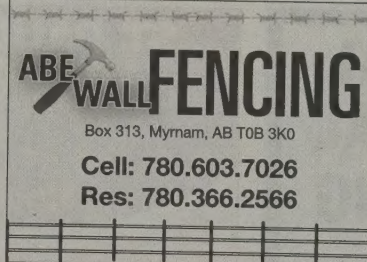
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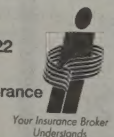
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5,600 +/- SQ FT SHOP & Office Building - Whitecourt, Alberta. Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Unreserved Auction, June 14 in Edmonton. Rosko Construction Limited. 1.38 +/- Title Acres. Jerry Hodge: 780-706-6652; Brokerage: All West Realty Ltd.; rbauction.com/realstate.

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7310. Health Services

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7700. Travel/Vacation

GRIZZLY BEAR TOUR & Whale Watching on the Westcoast. This one day fly & cruise charter to Khutzeymateen, BC departs Edmonton on Father's Day, June 18 & Calgary on Canada Day, Sunday, July 2. 1-866-460-1415; www.classiccanadiantours.com

Break and enter

On April 13, 2017, at approximately 4:45 p.m., Elk Point RCMP responded to a break and enter/theft at a residence in Elk Point. Sometime between April 1-13, 2017 suspect(s) broke into a residence and several outdoor buildings damaging locks to gain entry. Once inside several motorized vehicles and other items were stolen.

The following items were stolen: 2003 Honda Foreman TRX F450 FM3, 2008 Artic Cat 90, 1996 Honda CBR 600 - Smokin Joes insignia on side, 1995 John Deere Riding Lawn Tractor, 1972 Honda CB500/Four Corman build chopper.

Elk Point RCMP are asking anyone with information regarding this incident to please contact the Elk Point RCMP at 780-724-3964 or call your local police. If you want to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).



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April 25, 2017

Re: County of St. Paul declares "A State of Agricultural Disaster"

On April 25, 2017, the County of St. Paul Council unanimously voted to declare a State of Agricultural Disaster within the County of St. Paul. The County of St. Paul experienced excessive moisture in the fall of 2016. The excessive amounts of precipitation resulted in 20 to 30% of annual cereal crops being left unharvested, as per Alberta Agriculture Crop Final Report of 2016. Producers reported poor yields and reduced quality of crops that were harvested.

As of April 25, 2017 the Municipality has received three times the average amount of moisture, as per the data from Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development statistics. These conditions will delay seeding, dealing with unharvested crops from 2016, and reduce the ability for producers to seed wheat and canola (cash crops). Producers will also be unable to seed all of their cultivated acres, due to the wet conditions.

The County of St. Paul is committed to supporting our local producers who are key to the economic stability of our municipality.

For more information regarding the situation within our municipality, please contact Agricultural Fieldman, Keith Kornelsen at 780-645-3006, ext 236.

Yours truly,

Frank Sloan
ASB Chairman



Elk Point Elementary School held their annual Jump Rope For Heart event on Friday, with students from Grades 4, 5 and 6. The students collected pledges earlier this month and those students who collected \$50 or more had their names entered in a draw for a table-top soccer game, while all skippers were entered in draws for a variety of great raffle prizes.

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